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Following is summary salient points uncleared memo conversation between Secretary and German Ambassador Grewe November 17 re. Berlin situation. Full text will follow by pouch.

79 Ambassador said FedRep considers situation serious and expects further Soviet action along lines already indicated by Khrushchev. Germans feel Three Powers may be driven to deal with GDR representatives at check points to maintain traffic flow and disturbed over possible effects Soviet withdrawal from BASC on air traffic. Ambassador asked our views re. possible countermeasures. Also gave German Govt. view that tripartite or NATO statement not repeat not immediate requirement but should be prepared for possible emergency use.

EE Secretary said we discussing with British and French position to take re. Soviet attempt transfer responsibilities to GDR. We anxious learn FedRep views especially regarding possibility German counter-

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measures. Citing difficulties and admitting former German lack vigor this field Ambassador indicated belief present attitude RedRep more decisive.

Lengthy discussion effect practical dealings with GDR on recognition question followed with Secretary adverting analogies in Chinese and Korean Armistice cases but stating formulation definitive views must await exploration with British and French and consideration FedRep thinking as well. Ambassador referred NEW YORK TIMES report Nov. 16 indicating possibi^{lity} US dealing with GDR officials as agents USSR and said Bonn doubted possible maintain such formula very long. Grewe felt personally direct negotiations without recognition as in Red Chinese case possible but would create great psychological difficulties in Germany.

Secretary said we must think entire problem through to see if we prepared accept consequences. Stated belief that we should show strength where Soviets probe for weakness. However British, French and FedRep also involved. We will ascertain FedRep views before reaching final decisions. Personally the Secretary doubted practicability of total non-recognition of existence something which is a fact. US prepared be tough as anyone in this situation but not alone.

Secretary also indicated we concerned about interference our trucks and whether make this major issue. We need take account French, British and FedRep views on this perhaps giving more weight to FedRep view than formerly while FedRep should perhaps assume increased responsibility these matters.

Re NATO discussion Secretary said our views not yet firm. NATO interest in Berlin evident and discussion would be in line our policy encouraging political consultation. However final responsibility for decisions must rest

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with Three Powers juridically responsible. Perhaps this responsibility could be shared somewhat with FedRep. Ambassador felt Berlin should be mentioned in December NATO meeting communique. He also suggested countermeasures and related problems be dealt with by quadripartite committee which he considers adequate body for such consultation.

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